Docket No.

204060US0PCT

IN THE UNITED S PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Masahide SATO, et al.

SERIAL NO: 09/763,864

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EXAMINER: C. Sherrer

FOR:

PROCESS FOR PRODUCING FERMENTATION PRODUCT

GROUP 1700

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.136

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

It is hereby requested that a two month extension of time be granted to June 22, 2003 for

filing a response to the Official Action dated: January 22, 2003

responding to the requirements in the Notice of Allowability dated:

has been timely filed. filing the Formal Drawings. The Issue Fee due

responding to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application dated:

has been filed. filing a Notice of Appeal. A timely response to the final rejection, due

filing an Appeal Brief. A Notice of Appeal was filed on:

Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Therefore, the fee amount shown below is reduced by one-half.

The required fee of \$410.00 is enclosed herewith by check and any further charges may be made against the Attorney of Record's Deposit Account No. 15-0030. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully Submitted,

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